Q1: Respondent
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Q2: About you
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Q3: Does your national development strategy include trade priorities? (i.e. Aid-for-Trade priorities)
Yes

Q4: If yes, please indicate your Aid-for-Trade priorities: Below are listed the most common priority areas grouped according to broad Aid-for-Trade categories. Please rank the top 5 priority areas among the ones listed below. (1 being the most important)
- Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation
  1
- Trade facilitation
  3
- Export diversification
  4
- Adjustment costs
  2
- Other (please specify)
  5
Please provide a weblink to the relevant strategy.

Q5: Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2014?
No
Q6: If yes, please rank the top 3 drivers of these changes: (Please choose no more than 3 options)
Respondent skipped this question

Q7: Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners?
Respondent skipped this question

Q8: In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda?
Yes

Q9: If yes, please specify which Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) you think that Aid for Trade may help to achieve?
Sustainable Development Goals:
1. No poverty,
2. Zero hunger,
8. Decent work and economic growth,
10. Reduce inequalities,
11. Sustainable cities and communities,
Additional information on how Aid for Trade can help implement the SDGs.
Assist developing countries to identify and reduce barriers (costs) to trade on exports (both internal barriers and external barriers). Assist with technical assistance and capacity building for countries to reduce heavily subsidized activities that lead to unsustainable use of resources.

Q10: In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to women's economic empowerment?
Yes,
Additional information on how Aid for Trade can make a contribution to women's economic empowerment.
Assist women to increase production and facilitate trade in sectors that are most important to them.

Q11: Have you participated in any evaluation process that has been undertaken on the Aid-for-Trade support you receive?
Unsure
Q12: Is trade facilitation reflected as a priority in your national or regional development policy? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Yes, National Development Strategy with a broader conception of trade facilitation (e.g. trade and transport facilitation)

Q13: If yes, in which policy document(s) can trade facilitation be found as a priority? (You may tick more than 1 box)

National development strategy,
Other (please specify),
Additional information on the policy document(s) in which trade facilitation can be found as a priority. National Executive Council Decisions

Q14: If no, does your government plan to include trade facilitation as a priority in future planning document(s)? (You may tick more than one box)

National trade strategy,
Additional information on your government's plans to include trade facilitation as a priority in future planning document(s). Included as a key goal in PNG's draft National Trade Policy yet to be approved

Q15: Please outline the current status of work related to the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (You may tick more than 1 box)

Acceptance of Amendment Protocol ("Trade Facilitation Agreement ratification") awaiting parliamentary or executive approval

Q16: Are you planning to use the flexibilities set out in section II of the Trade Facilitation Agreement?

Yes

Q17: If yes, please specify: (You may tick more than 1 box)

Category A commitments deposited,
Category B commitments under preparation,
Category C commitments under preparation
Q18: Which disciplines of the Trade Facilitation Agreement are you seeking Aid-for-Trade support to implement? (You may tick more than 1 box)

- Other (please specify),
- Art 12: Customs Cooperation,
- Art 10: Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit,
- Art 8: Border Agency Cooperation,
- Art 7: Release and Clearance of Goods,
- Art 5: Other measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non discrimination and Transparency,
- Art 2: Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force and Consultations,
- Art 1: Publication and Availability of Information,
- Additional information on the disciplines of the TFA you are seeking Aid for Trade support to implement particularly with respect to specific measures within articles (e.g. single window, authorized operator, etc.).
- Implementation of Single Window Initiative

Q19: Are you engaged in a dialogue with development partners on your Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation needs?

Yes

Q20: If yes, please specify with which development partners you are discussing Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation.

World Bank Group, EU Institutions

Q21: If no, what difficulties, if any, are you facing in securing Aid-for-Trade support to help implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

Q22: Is there an Aid-for-Trade facilitation project or programme that you wish to showcase as an example of best practice?

Unsure
Q23: Does your government have a national strategy for e-commerce (or other national digital-related strategy)?

No

Q24: If yes, please indicate which of the following: (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

Q25: If yes, is this national strategy reflected in your national development strategy?

Respondent skipped this question

Q26: If no, does your government plan to develop or update your national development strategy to include e-commerce (or other digital-related) priorities?

Unsure

Q27: Does your government plan to develop a separate e-commerce or (other digital-related) strategy?

Unsure

Q28: Do you have any mechanism(s) to coordinate your national e-commerce (or other digital strategy) across government?

Respondent skipped this question

Q29: Does your existing or planned national strategy for e-commerce (or other digital-related) strategy cover issues related to trade in services and/or goods through e-commerce?

Respondent skipped this question

Q30: If yes, please indicate which issues are covered in your national e-commerce (or other digital related) strategy: (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question
Q31: For EXPORTS, what challenges do your micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) face in relation to cross border e-commerce transactions? (You may tick more than 1 box)  

Unsure

Q32: For IMPORTS, what challenges do your micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) face in relation to cross border e-commerce transactions? (You may tick more than 1 box)  

Unsure

Q33: Please estimate the percentage of goods and services that your country exports and imports internationally through e-commerce / digital channels and the growth of imports and exports though e-commerce / digital channels over the past 3 years.

- Percentage of goods exported through e-commerce: No data available
- Percentage of services exported through e-commerce: No data available
- Percentage of goods traded as expedited shipments: No data available
- Growth of imports through e-commerce channels in the past 3 years: No data available
- Growth of export through e-commerce channels in the past 3 years: No data available
- Growth of expedited shipments: No data available

Q34: For EXPORTS, what challenges does the on-line purchase of merchandise goods through e-commerce present for your customs and other border management authorities? (You may tick more than 1 box)  

Unsure

Q35: For IMPORTS, what challenges does the on-line purchase of merchandise goods through e-commerce present for your customs and other border management authorities? (You may tick more than 1 box)  

Unsure
Q36: Please indicate how consumers and enterprises connect to the internet.

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Q37: Please indicate the main issues that enterprises and consumers in your countries have in accessing and using internet services. (You may tick more than 1 box)

- Slow internet connection speeds
- Other regulatory issues (please specify)
- High cost of internet

Q38: Are electronic payments solutions available in your country? (You may tick more than 1 box)

- Yes, e-banking
- Yes, mobile money
- Yes, credit or debit card transactions

Q39: If yes, please estimate the percentage of transactions paid electronically in your country (through e-banking, mobile money or e-government):

No data available

Q40: If no, please outline what is holding back e-banking, mobile money and e-government transactions. (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

Q41: Do consumers in your country use mobile phones for domestic and international remittances and fund transfer?

Yes, only domestic remittances and fund transfer

Q42: Please indicate which e-government services your country provides: (You may tick more than 1 box)

E-government forms and application downloads
Q43: Are Information and Communication Technology support programmes available to support students, workers and Micro, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (MSMEs)?

Unsure

Q44: Is there an Aid-for-E-commerce project or programme that you wish to showcase as an example of best practice?

Unsure

Q45: Do you anticipate a need for future assistance in order to meet your e-commerce strategic objectives?

Yes

Q46: If yes, please indicate who you would like to work with to provide this support: (You may tick more than 1 box)

Bilateral donors, Multilateral and regional donors,
South-South partners,
Corporate foundations / corporate social responsibility schemes,
Private sector

Q47: In your view, can growth in e-commerce make a contribution to women's economic empowerment?

Yes,
Additional information on how growth in e-commerce can make a contribution to women's economic empowerment.
Publicity of their products and services Payment facilitation

Q48: Does your national development strategy include trade-related infrastructure development priorities?

Yes
Q49: If yes, please indicate which trade-related infrastructure sectors feature as priority sectors in your national development strategy. (You may tick more than 1 box)

- TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE,
  - Maritime transport infrastructure,
  - Internal waterways transport infrastructure,
  - Air transport infrastructure,
  - Road transport infrastructure,
  - Maritime transport infrastructure,
  - Infrastructure related to all modes of transport: cargo handling, storage and/or warehousing,

- COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE,
  - Telecommunications infrastructure,

- ENERGY-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE,
  - Energy distribution infrastructure,
  - Energy transport infrastructure (pipelines for transportation of petroleum, natural gas, etc.)

Q50: Does your national development strategy link trade-related infrastructure to the development of related services sectors?

Unsure

Q51: If yes, please indicate which services trade sectors feature as priority sectors in your national development strategy. (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

Q52: Does your national development strategy (or other national economic policy documents) link growth in services capacity and trade to growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing exports?

Unsure
Q53: If yes, please specify which services sectors are identified for growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing. (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

Q54: Which services sectors are growing fastest in your country? (You may tick more than 1 box)

- Services incidental to mining
- Telecommunication services
- CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES
- TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)

Additional information about which services sectors are growing fastest in your country.
Trade in services data is not disaggregated to a level where a proper analysis can be made. However, with the construction boom, new LNG exports and introduction of competition in telecommunication we suspect that growth is mainly being driven in construction, telecoms and transport and services incidental to mining

Q55: What are the main issues constraining growth in national services capacity? Issues constraining growth:

- Absence of national services policy framework
- Access to finance
- Lack of recognition internationally of professional or vocational qualifications
- Unsure

Additional information about the main issues constraining growth in national services capacity. Detailed assessment needed to identify challenges in improving services capacity
**Q56:** What are the main issues constraining growth in your services trade? Issues constraining growth: (You may tick more than 1 box)

- Absence of national services policy framework
- Access to finance
- Lack of recognition internationally of professional or vocational qualifications
- Limited access to export markets
- Regulatory restrictions
- Unsure
- Additional information about the main issues constraining growth in services trade
- Detailed analysis required to identify major challenges to services trade

**Q57:** Which services sectors do you expect will support implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement and will help realize associated economic benefits? (You may tick more than 1 box)

- COMPUTER AND RELATED SERVICES (e.g., services related to installation of computer hardware, data processing and database services)
- OTHER BUSINESS SERVICES
- COMMUNICATION SERVICES, Postal services
- Courier and express delivery services
- Telecommunication services
- FINANCIAL SERVICES
- TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)
- Maritime transport services
- Internal waterways transport services
- Air transport services
- Services auxiliary to all modes of transport (cargo handling, storage and warehouse, freight transport agency services, etc.)
- Road transport services

**Q58:** Is there an Aid-for-Trade project or programme that you wish to highlight as an example of best practice?  

Unsure
Q59: Does your national development strategy include actions to improve the investment climate?  
Yes

Q60: If yes, please specify how: (You may tick more than 1 box)
- By establishing an investment authority, investment promotion agency (IPA) and/or investment development agency
- By reducing risk for investors
- By training officials
- By updating investment policy, regulations and/or strategy
- By upgrading economic infrastructure to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the production sector

Q61: What actions have you taken to improve the investment climate in the past 5 years? (You may tick more than 1 box)
- Facilitating entry and operations of foreign investors
- Focusing on public governance and institutions
- Reviewing tax policy
- Signing a bilateral investment treaty(ies) or other investment agreements
- Signing investment agreements focused on investment promotion and facilitation
- Training officials
- Updating investment policy, regulations and/or strategy

Q62: Are development partners supporting investment climate reforms?  
Yes

Q63: If yes, is there a project or programme that you wish to highlight as an example of best practice?  
Unsure
**Q64:** Does your national development strategy seek to attract investment in particular services sectors? If so, please identify which ones. (You may tick more than 1 box)

- Services incidental to agriculture, hunting and forestry
- Services incidental to fishing
- Services incidental to manufacturing services
- TO\_RISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES
- Hotels and restaurants (including catering)
- Travel agencies and tour operators services
- Other (please specify), RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTING SERVICES (other than audio visual services)
- Tourist guides services

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**Q65:** Can the development of services capacity and trade contribute to women's economic empowerment?

- Unsure

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**Q66:** If yes, please specify which services sectors in your country may have particular impact on women's economic empowerment? Services sectors: (You may tick more than 1 box)

- Respondent skipped this question

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**Q67:** In your view, can services trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda?

- Unsure

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**Q68:** If yes, please specify which Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) you think that growth in services trade may help. Sustainable Development Goals: (You may tick more than 1 box)

- Respondent skipped this question
| Q69: CONSULTATION (Other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply): | Respondent skipped this question |